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SUBJECT

1. In October 1949, the Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) was formed with its headquarters at Hanfan (南范), Peiping. In December 1949, air force troops and 50 air communications troops were selected as the first enrollees for the aviation school attached to headquarters.* After the return of MAO Tse-tung from Moscow in January 1950, the CCAF was immediately strengthened; ** an officer in the Peiping headquarters stated that the CCAF had over 300 modern planes.**

- The CCAF commander is CH'LL Kuo-tung (陳國棣),**** who is assisted by two Soviet deputy commanders and a Soviet chief of staff. The staff office and adjutant's office are equally divided between Chinese and Soviets, and there are several Soviet dir ctors and instructors in such offices as military administration, tactics, combat, and defense. Only ground and supply sections are staffed entirely with Chinese.
- The CCAF is composed of four groups, one independent unit, one escort unit, and one training unit. Their composition and disposition are as follows:
 - The first group has its headquarters at K'aifeng (114-21, 34-48), with bases at Mauchou (117-16, 3h-18), Manking, Mangchow, and Shanghai. It has about 100 planes and is commanded by WAMG (£), whose deputy is a Soviet.
 - The second group has its headquarters at Mukden, with bases at Chinchen (121-07, 11-07), Chinhuangtao (119-35, 39-57), and Dairen. It has 60 planes and is commanded by a Soviet. The Dairen field is used jointly by the CCAF and the Soviets, who also have an air base in the city.
 - c. The third group has its headquarters at Lanch ang (115-53, 28-40), with bases at Chinhua (119-39, 29-07), Shanghsiao (114-20, 26-06), Wenchou (120-38, 28-01), Foochow, and Amoy. Most of its 75 planes are Sovietmade, the remainder being Japanese or German.
 - The fourth group has its headquarters at Kweilin, with bases in Canton, Wuchou (119-19, 23-28), and Manning (108-18, 22-48). It has about 30

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planes, of which about 10 are Japanese twin-engine transports, $\mathcal G$ or δ are Soviet single-engine fighters, and the remainder are American P-51's.

- e. The independent unit is stationed at Peiping. Its 30 Soviet-made planes consist of 6 jet planes and 24 others, most of which are fighters.
- f. The escort unit is stationed at Peiping, with domestic liaison as its principal function. Most of its 30 planes are American B-25's, the remainder being Japanese.
- g. The training unit is stationed at Peiping, is attached to the training school, and has about 10 Japanese Type-92 planes.
- 4. Several Japanese are instructors at the Peiping aviation school.

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